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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 1924

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, TU
SUBJ: US WITHDRAWAL FROM KARAMURSEL

REF: A) JUSMMAT MSG DTG 101449Z MAR 78(NOTAL), B) ANKARA
1652 (DTG 031515Z MAR 78)(NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, TURKISH NAVY COMMANDER ADMIRAL
ULUSU TOLD CHIEF, JUSMMAT DURING CALL ON MARCH 10 THAT TURKISH
NAVY WILL TAKE OVER KARAMURSEL FACILITIES AFTER US PHASE-
OUT. ULUSU INDICATED THAT KARAMURSEL WILL BE USED AS A
TRAINING BASE AND HE EXPRESSED INTEREST THAT KARAMURSEL BE
LEFT ESSENTIALLY INTACT SO THAT THE INSTALLATION WOULD BE OF
MAXIMUM USE TO THE TURKISH NAVY. CHIEF, JUSMMAT COMMENTED
THAT KARAMURSEL CLOSEDOWN WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RELEVANT USG/GOT AGREEMENTS, BUT THAT ALL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
BY THE USG WOULD BE REMOVED; THE BUILDINGS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE
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LEFT IN FUNCTIONAL CONDITION. CHIEF JUSMMAT ALSO INFORMED
ADMIRAL ULUSU THAT USG HAD INITIATED PLAN TO RELOCATE 200
HOUSING UNITS TO INCIRLIK, AND ACTION UNRELATED TO THE
KARAMURSEL CLOSURE DECISION.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE GOT INTENDS FOR KARAMURSEL
TO BE USED PRIMARILY AS A NAVAL TRAINING FACILITY; THIS WOULD

NOT PRECLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TURKISH SIGINT OPERATION
THERE AS WELL(REFB). WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FIRING UP
A FULL BRIEFING FOR THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OUR PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FOR NORTHWESTERN TURKEY AND PROJECTED
TRANSFERS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. FULL EXTENT OF TURKISH
INTEREST IN USG PLANS AS WELL AS TURKISH DESIRES TO OBTAIN
EXCESS US EQUIPMENT AND TO INHERIT BASE IN OPERABLE CONDITION
WILL PROBABLY NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL TGS AND TURKISH NAVY HAVE
DISGESTED THE DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT WITHDRAWAL.
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